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Prohibitively high insurance costs put an end to the traditional horseriding antics of festival hero Dr Syn. 'For 44 years Dr Syn has burst into the festival on horseback. He is the main show and when he makes his entrance people are truly overwhelmed. But this time he just had to walk around. It just wasn't the same,' said Ian Hyson, the disappointed chairman of the Day of Syn.

## EXCLUSIVE

BY JENNIFER WILEY

A HISTORIC festival's horseback-riding hero had to jump off and take a hike – after health and safety fears forced him from his steed.

Since 1964, villagers in Dymchurch have celebrated the Day of Syn – a biannual festival based on the novels of Russell Thorndike.

Now locals fear the ruling could mean the end of the event, which draws thousands of visitors to Romney Marsh.

Traditionally, on every second August bank holiday a resident has taken on the role of Dr Syn, a Robin Hood-style vicar who smuggles goods into the seaside village to keep people from starving.

Dressed as a scarecrow to hide his identity, the vicar normally gallops along the beach and streets of the village, evading soldiers and taxmen in his bid to deliver food and supplies to his flock. But for the first time since it began, the vicar was this year forced to walk around the festival after it was deemed "too dangerous" for him to ride by insurers.

Many companies rejected cover outright, and the only one prepared to insure the rider quoted an astonishing £1,000-a-day – almost double what the average motorist spends on car insurance each year.

So instead of galloping past his enemies trying to confiscate his smuggled goods, Dr Syn had to walk among them, leaving 3,000 festival-goers disappointed.

In at least two of Thorndike's seven novels, Dr Syn is pictured on horseback on the front cover.

Ian Hyson, chairman of the Day of Syn, said

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# Jail for rapist caught by DNA eight years on

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

A CUSTOMS officer has been jailed for 12 years for raping a single mother eight years ago.

Kelvin Bennett, 45, was caught after police took his DNA as part of an unrelated probe.

He was arrested in February this year on suspicion of raping a woman in Folkestone in December 2000 after cold-case detectives matched his genetic profile against a national police database.

Maidstone Crown Court heard Kent Police found a sample, provided following an unspecified allegation by his ex-partner in June 2007, was a "full match" against that of an alleged rape on December 9, 2000.

Bennett, from Birmingham, set upon the mother-of-one after grabbing her from behind as she walked to her mother's house. He was living in Dover at the time.

Sentencing him on Wednesday on rape and kidnap charges, Judge Philip Statman said: "This case illustrates every woman's worst fears."

And he told Bennett: "You must have thought as the years went by that you had escaped justice and, but for the re-evaluation of this case by this county's cold-case unit, you would have done so."

## Screaming

Earlier in the court case, Bennett's victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had wept from behind a screen as she described how she walked home from her local pub.

She said: "I felt someone grab me from behind so I couldn't fight or break away. The next minute I was on the floor. I was trying to get up, but I couldn't because my legs were being held so I was struggling."

"I started screaming, hoping someone would hear me and come and help, but no one did. The next minute I was being put into the car and driven away. I was crying - I asked him what he was going to do."



PROBE: Kelvin Bennett was caught thanks to DNA collected for an unrelated investigation

The court heard how the woman, who was 21 at the time and is now 29, was attacked after pausing briefly to make a phone call to her boyfriend to tell him she loved him.

Shortly afterwards she was grabbed by Bennett, who had parked his car at the roadside.

She then screamed so loudly that it alerted two neighbours - at about 2.30am - who came out onto the dimly-lit street. But she was driven off before residents could investigate what was happening.

She described how she was taken to secluded countryside spots before being raped three times.

She said: "He climbed on top and he raped me. I was crying - he said he would have to kill me but I said 'Please let me go'."

She described her attacker as "a coloured man with a goatee beard and long black hair".

Prosecutor Cairns Nelson told the court Bennett was "a ladies' man" who enjoyed trawling nightspots to pick up women - but had to keep a low profile because of his job.

Bennett admitted having sex with the alleged victim, but he claimed after seeing a photo of her that he couldn't remember her.

# Health and safety costs underwhelm festival fun

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he was "disappointed" by the decision. He said: "For 44 years Dr Syn has burst into the festival on horseback. He is the main show and when he makes his entrance people are truly overwhelmed."

"But this time he just had to walk around. It just wasn't the same."

In previous years organisers relied on public liability insurance to cover the event, but they discovered that the catch-all policy - which cost some £450 for the entire festival - did not cover someone on horseback.

Regular festival-goer Ray Griffiths, 67, said: "It was a disappointment. It felt strange. It certainly was not as authentic a representation of the daring Dr Syn as it used to be."

"There is already so much red tape and bureaucracy to wade through, it just seems like the days of our festival are numbered."

"The Day of Syn is the catalyst to bring people in to spend money on the charity stalls such as the Scouts."

"And it is a celebration of Dymchurch's culture. It shouldn't have to be so difficult."

In previous years, up to 10,000 people have attended the festival.

Author Russell Thorndike, the son of a former Rochester Cathedral canon, is best known for his early 1900s Doctor Syn of Romney Marsh novels, which include The Courageous Exploits of Doctor Syn and The Amazing Quest of Doctor Syn.

The Dr Syn character is based on the vicar of Dymchurch, who became the leader of the "Marsh Men" - a gang of smugglers who prowled Romney Marsh on horseback at night to dodge the taxman.

The author, born in 1885, died at the age of 87 in 1972.

# £4.5m of heroin found at docks

A MAN has appeared in court charged with smuggling heroin into the UK inside three suitcases.

Officers found an estimated £4.5 million of the drug in a French-registered car at Dover docks.

Stephen Macnamee, 30, from Holyhead, Wales, did not enter a plea and was remanded in custody until tomorrow (Thursday), when he will appear before Dover magistrates.

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# Road draws the line at modern art

A COUNCILLOR is investigating the mystery of a set of double yellow lines which appear to have melted.

The no-parking markings in Christ Church Road, Folkestone, have an unusual look to them – reminiscent of the creations of an abstract painter instead of the work of Highways Agency staff.

Some passers-by have even speculated they could be a bizarre addition to Folkestone's Triennial artworks by the likes of Tracey Emin which are dotted throughout the town – rather than traffic enforcement measures.

## Melted

Gary Fuller, a LibDem member of the town council, first noticed the unusual lines as he went to look at some reported pot-holes in nearby streets.

"The lines were obviously put down to prevent parking near the Garden of Remembrance," he said. "But they appear to have melted – at least it looks that way."

Cllr Fuller said he was surprised that heat could have been generated in the street after such a wet summer.

■ BY NICK AMES

"If it had been a constant heatwave over the last few months, then it would have been possible the tarmac could have melted and taken the lines with it," he said.

"But it has been one of the wettest summers for years. The only thing I can think is that the lines were put down when the surface had just been freshly laid and was settling.

"However, it only seems to have happened in one place. It's a mystery."

The area in question is just a few yards long.

"But it's enough to park a smart car or a motorcycle in – as the lines certainly don't look like they mark a no-parking area," said Cllr Fuller.

"Instead it looks like some sort of artwork."

Resident Hannah Bright added: "I have been used to spotting out-of-place and unusual objects this summer because of the Triennial.

"And this does look like a piece of modern art."

The councillor has notified the Highways Agency but has not received a reply yet.

However, a spokesman for the agency said: "We are looking into this."



BENDY: Cllr Gary Fuller is investigating the case of the wiggly double-yellow lines on Christ Church Road, Folkestone

## Winch failure traps man in lift

FIRE-FIGHTERS were called into action on Monday when a man became stuck in a lift.

The incident took place in a block of flats along Sandgate Road, Folkestone just after 8.45am.

The victim found himself stuck in the Waldorf Apartments building but was able to get a message out to obtain help.

He was trapped for some 30 minutes after the winch failed.

Emergency crews managed to wind the lift to the ground-floor and get him out. No one was injured.

## Injury figures put M20 top of accident chart

THE M20 is the worst-hit road in the UK when it comes to accidents caused by lorries in which people are killed or injured, according to figures released this week.

HGVs account for 40 per cent of serious accidents along the motorway – but comprise just eight per cent of the traffic flow.

This is nine per cent more than the number of deaths and injuries caused on the UK's roads as a whole.

One of the worst parts is the Folkestone stretch, where traffic for the Channel Tunnel meets vehicles going to the Port of Dover.

The statistics have been compiled by the Liberal Democrats, who want to get more freight on railways to cut deaths and injuries on roads.

They have been compiled over five years as part of the party's strategy on transport infrastructure.

LibDem transport spokesman Norman Baker said: "Some of our roads are becoming lorry accident

blackspots. Many of these accidents could have been avoided. Our road network is clearly not capable of dealing with the volume of freight it carries. Ensuring more freight travels by rail would make it safer.

"Instead of tackling the need for rail freight, the Government continues to plough money into road expansion."

The figures come out as the Government continues to look into plans to allow massive 60-tonne 'supertrucks' onto the UK's roads.

They are in regular use in Europe and the US, and the European Union would like to see them permitted on all member states' roads – despite strong opposition from road safety campaigners and environmental groups.

Transport secretary Ruth Kelly has stated they are unsuitable for British roads, but pressure has been increased by the rising costs of fuel, which hauliers say make larger lorries more cost-effective.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Homeowners asked to help with survey

THE results of a survey being carried out across Shepway is set to play an important role in helping secure Government funding to improve private homes.

Residents living at 2,000 randomly-selected addresses are being asked to take part in the survey into the condition of their homes.

The results will give Shepway council a snapshot of private housing across the district and strengthen its case when it comes to bidding for grants for home improvements, repairs, better heating and improved insulation.

Cllr Keren Belcourt said the authority had a responsibility to assess the condition of the private houses in its area so it could make decisions about allocating financial assistance.

He said: "We cannot get an accurate picture from looking only at the outside of houses and we are asking residents to allow a surveyor into their homes for the 40-minute survey."

## Green light for farm conversion to housing

PLANS to renovate a farm and turn it into five new homes have got the go-ahead from Shepway councillors.

The development will take place at Peene Farm in the village of Peene, just outside Folkestone along Newington Road. A car-parking building big enough for six vehicles will also be in place.

Objections had been raised, including the possibility of traffic problems and the loss of identity of the community, but the project was passed unanimously, with councillors saying it was a major step towards rejuvenating the area and regenerating the village.

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## IT'S RAINING FUNDS FOR FOUNDATION

Port Lympne's second Rainforest Fund-raising Ball, hosted by Lady Sarah Aspinall in aid of gorillas, will take place on Saturday.

Visitors will have a chance to view the gorillas as well as watch and listen to African drummers and dancers. A dinner will be held in the themed rainforest marquee, with a Belgian chocolate fountain an added attraction.

An auction and dance will then take place, with special musical guest and star names promised.

Backing the ball is comedian Vic Reeves and his wife Nancy Sorrell (pictured), who are long-term supporters of the conservation work carried out by the foundation.

The director of fund-raising projects, Robert Boutwood, said: "Since the first ball two years ago, where through the generosity of our guests we raised over £90,000, the Foundation can report that the Congo and Gabon gorilla rescue and release projects managed by the Aspinall Foundation are doing extremely well."

The Foundation is asking for support from businesses and partygoers by making a donation, providing a special prize for the auction and/or by reserving a table of 10.

## Sewage cakes in bad taste, say protestors

CAMPAIGNERS are fighting to stop sewage being dumped on land, which they say causes a "horrendous" smell hanging over Aldington, Sellindge and Smeeth.

They want residents to object to a retrospective planning application from farmers Wanstall and Sons, who are currently involved in disposing of the waste, which is in the form of 'sewage cakes'.

This is sludge from the bottom of sewage farm tanks which is partially dried and compressed.

The company's existing working licence does not cover all of its current activities, so it is applying for retrospective permission for a composting facility in Church Lane, Aldington. This would cover its current activities.

Brian Ellis is leading the campaign against

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the proposal and says people who agree with him need to register a protest by September 18.

He said: "The proposal calls for permission to compost 25,000 tonnes of material a year – including 10,000 tonnes of sewage cake and 5,000 tons of farm and green waste.

"Of the farm waste, 1,500 tonnes will be the chicken manure, which causes the horrendous smell we have been experiencing."

Mr Ellis added: "The sewage cake is municipal sewage sludge from the bottom of a sewage farm. It is partially dried and used to be dumped in landfill but no longer can be.

"Instead, a cheap way of getting it disposed of is to pay someone who has land to take it away and just spread it on the land, usually mixed with woodchips.

"We have experienced the smell created by

the spreading of waste hanging over villages and making life very unpleasant. It has also driven away colonies of swans and grebes which used to live locally.

"The other major factor is this counts as industrial activity. If permission is granted, then the site becomes a brownfield one. This would make it much easier for development, such as the proposed lorry park, to go through as planning protection for the land is far less."

Doug Wanstall is the man behind the composting proposal. He said the majority of the waste which would be disposed of would not smell at all. "The smell is caused by the chicken manure not by any of our other activities.

"The composting we wish to do does not create an odour at all – as opposed to the chicken, which I admit does smell," he said.

"This summer we had many complaints about the chicken spreading, but not one about the composting we undertook."



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# Virus threat stamped out by vaccine uptake

A 90 per cent plus take-up in vaccination against the bluetongue virus, which can prove fatal to livestock, has spared the county's sheep and cattle from infection.

Last year the airborne virus proved a major headache for farmers, with quarantine zones established and lack of movement allowed for winter grazing.

Some farms on Romney Marsh feared their animals would be wiped out and family business forced to go under. But at the start of the summer a vaccination programme was introduced by Government agency DEFRA.

Some 98 per cent of farms which saw in infection took up the offer, with the figure for farms as a whole more than 90 per cent.

Animal health experts say the farmers' action

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prevented an outbreak of the disease – which causes sickness followed by death in its most severe form – comparable to that experienced in continental Europe, where herds and flocks were decimated.

Anthony Greenleaves, vet manager of Animal Health, which is a branch of DEFRA, said that while people needed to be vigilant, large-scale problems had been avoided.

"In terms of cases within the county we get one or two alerts a week and we check these out," he said. "But in no cases during recent weeks have they proved positive."

This is the second year the disease has been viewed as a threat to the UK farming industry and experts feared it would be more devastating than 12 months ago as the midges which

spread it had already established a foothold in the UK and had become more accustomed to British climatic conditions.

But Mr Greenleaves said: "The second season in Europe – the summer of 2007 – was the worst for farmers across the Channel. We are in effect a year behind them as it spread to these shores last year.

"So it was very good to see how our farmers reacted. It has looked good so far and the programme of inoculation looks like it has done the trick.

"We do have a few cases of infected animals coming into the country from eastern Europe, so we are maintaining our level of alert. Also the vaccination programme will continue next year.

"But it looks like we have been spared the worst we had anticipated, and thanks to the farmers the threat is not as great as first feared."

## Campaigners pleased route is back on track

EUROSTAR'S decision to reintroduce direct services between Ashford and Brussels in December has been applauded by Rail For Folkestone.

The campaign group was set up by Shepway council to lobby for high-speed services to London.

Services from Ashford were halted after Ebbsfleet station opened, but a review promoted their return.

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## VINERY VANDALISED

Vandals have left a trail of destruction at the Grade II-listed Leas Vinery – which was only restored to former glory 12 months ago.

Broken glass, litter, graffiti, urine and vomit were left along the 1930s walkway, which is just below the main footpath along the top of the cliff in Folkestone.

Since its restoration the pathway has been popular with families because of its sweeping views across the Channel. But it is estimated £2,000 will now need to be spent on repairing the damage, which is believed to have been caused when a party was held at the site. Vandals broke down one of the vines, destroyed a wooden fence and broke up a bench to get fuel for a bonfire. They also left empty bottles and cans strewn across the seating area.

One person has been arrested after CCTV footage showed youths climbing on to the roof.

## Water research concluded

CONSULTATION on water planning has come to an end, with all comments on Folkestone and Dover Water's 25-year Water Resources Management Plan now in.

The company has sought the views of key organisations, including consumer groups such as the Consumer Council for Water, local authorities and environmental groups.

The draft plan was posted on the company website [www.fdw.co.uk](http://www.fdw.co.uk) and copies were available in libraries.

FDWS planner Chris Taylor said the aim had been to collect a range of views.

He said: "To ensure a secure and sustainable water supply we need to plan on a long-term basis, and consulting with key stakeholders and our customers is an important part of this process.

"We undertake regular research to find out the priorities of our customers and hold detailed discussions with the Consumer Council for Water."

The plan's aim is to reduce average water use per person per day to 120 litres, in contrast with the current UK average of more than 150 litres a day.

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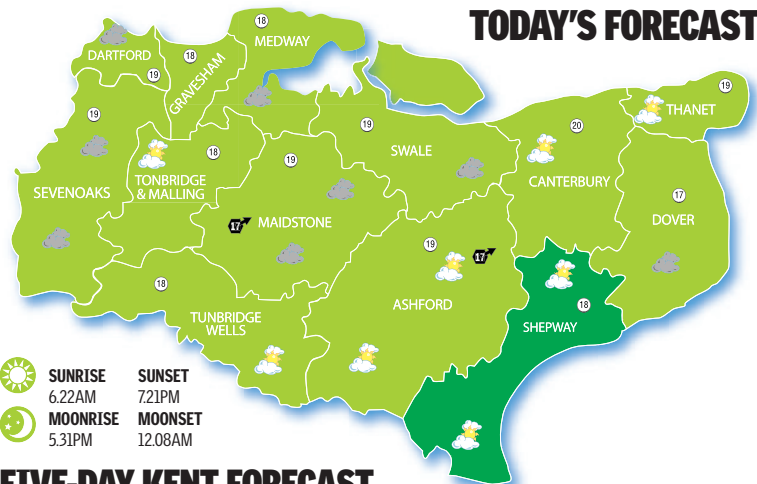


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	Sunday	10:06am	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:55am	5.9m
	Sunday	9:53am	6.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:48am	4.0m
	Sunday	10:36am	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:12am	4.6m
	Sunday	11:19am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:14am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:19am	4.8m



## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Barcelona	24°C	Paris	19°C
Beijing	25°C	Rome	30°C
Bombay	29°C	Sydney	15°C
Cape Town	13°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	15°C	Tokyo	29°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	18°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	18°C
Las Palmas	26°C	Wellington	12°C



**LOCAL PRODUCE:** Shoppers have been making the most of the homegrown goods on offer at Elham Farmers Market

## Business booming at farmers' market

SHOPPERS looking to beat the credit crunch have been taking advantage of the twice-monthly Elham Farmers' Market, which sells local produce.

Village shoppers can walk to the market on The Triangle opposite Elham School to buy fresh seasonal food, locally produced at reasonable prices, and a range of food not readily available in local supermarkets.

Since it started on June 15 as an event to benefit the community and local producers, the market has grown in popularity with both shoppers and traders.

There is a regular attendance of some 200 shoppers, and the number of stalls has grown from 10 at the first market to 18 at the market on Sunday, August 10.

Anne Leva, Elham Farmers' Market manager, said: "The range of produce we are offering is growing all the time, partly through existing traders doing well and recommending the market to fellow producers."

The traders are listed on [www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk), where shoppers can also find lists of food in season and seasonal recipes from celebrity chef Phil Vickery and local producers.

Future market dates are: Sundays, September 14 and 28, from 11am to 1pm.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### GEOFF SIMPSON



**Q** Tell us how the memorial came about

**A** Geoffrey Page was a 20-year-old Hurricane pilot who was shot down during the Battle of Britain and very badly burned. Years later, he realised there was no national memorial to The Few and founded the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust. In July 1993, Geoffrey was able to watch as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opened the Memorial. Geoffrey died in 2000, but the trust continues his work to ensure new generations understand the heroism displayed in 1940 by the airmen and all who supported them.

**Q** Why was the site chosen?

**A** Could anywhere be more appropriate than the cliffs over which so much of the fighting took place?

**Q** Who was behind the sculpture, and where did the replica aircraft come from?

**A** The sculptor was Harry Gray and he has said: "The figure of a young pilot in a seated pose reflects the youth of those who flew in the battle, suggesting contemplation and vigilance rather than aggression and combat. It refers also to the fact that the pilots faced death alone."

It is also important that the rank of the airman is not visible. He could be a ser-

geant... he could be a squadron leader.

We felt it was important to have full-sized replicas of the two main RAF planes which fought in the battle. They are both based on particular aircraft. In the case of the Hurricane it is Little Willie, of 56 Squadron, which Geoffrey Page was flying when he was shot down.

**Q** How do the veterans feel when they see the wall with the names on it - and indeed the whole site?

**A** We hear many comments from veterans who are delighted they are remembered. This year, at the annual Memorial Day, Flight Lieutenant William Walker, a Spitfire pilot shot down over Dover, read a poem he had written called Our Wall. It starts: 'Here inscribed the names of friends we knew/Young men with whom we often flew...' And concludes: 'Many now lie in sacred graves/And many rest beneath the waves/Outnumbered every day they flew/Remembered here as just The Few'.

More and more relatives come to find the name of a member of their family - we see so many standing at the wall deep in thought.

**Q** Have you any major plans for a 70th anniversary in two years' time?

**A** Memorial Day will be a very special occasion in 2010 and the planning has started. In addition, The Memorial Trust

has asked me to write a book with a Battle of Britain theme and Richard Hunting, chairman of the trust, has financed a researcher to help me. We are making good progress and I hope it will present the Battle from rather a new angle.

**Q** What has been the most memorable experience for you in your work there?

**A** In acting as a trustee and honorary public relations adviser, the chance to meet so many of The Few and to be able to coax out of them their memories of the summer and autumn of 1940.

**Q** How is the fund-raising going?

**A** Many people have been very generous over the years, but the Memorial Trust always needs new funds to develop the National Memorial site and ensure remains for all time. This year's major fund-raising event was the Royal Gala performance at the London Palladium on Sunday [September 7].

**Q** Have you any future plans for the memorial?

**A** We want to make steady progress in attracting new visitors, but the National Memorial will never be a theme park. We will shortly be installing touch-screens to provide a range of information.

**QA** The man with the job of promoting the Battle of Britain Memorial on the cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne tells reporter Nick Ames how the memorial came about, how it is kept in good condition and plans for the future



## Eastern and Coastal Kent

### Trialling extended hours for X-Ray services at the Folkestone NHS Walk-in Centre

The NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is pleased to inform you about a temporary extension of availability and opening hours of X-Ray services at Folkestone NHS Walk-in Centre, part of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Radnor Park Avenue.

The extended X-Ray service is available now for three extra hours in the weekday evenings and all day Saturday to test the demand and impact of providing extended X-Ray department opening hours.

The temporary service is available six days a week until **Saturday 18th October 2008**

The opening hours during this trial period are:

**Monday to Friday 9am - 8pm / Saturday 9am - 5pm**

To access this service you will need to receive an X-Ray as part of your treatment when visiting the Walk-in Centre.

It is hoped that this temporary extension will give patients an opportunity to have an X-Ray at a more convenient time. After the 12 week trial period the number of people using the extended services will be assessed to see if the extended hours should be made permanent.

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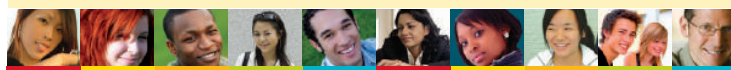
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# We're totally up for it, say McFly

## EXCLUSIVE

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

POP group McFly agreed to headline a charity concert for wounded soldiers in Kent next weekend to show their support for the bravery of our troops.

The four-piece band – singer Tom Fletcher, guitarist Danny Jones, bassist Dougie Poynter and drummer Harry Judd – say they deeply admire the bravery and sacrifice of our men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The band, who have had seven number one singles and two number one albums, said the Day For Heroes event in front of an expected 35,000 fans at the County Showground, Detling, is the perfect way to show their appreciation.

Dougie said: "We're looking forward to it. Anything like that we're totally up for – we never let anything like that down. You're talking to the world's biggest wimps, so what the soldiers are doing over there is absolutely amazing."

The band tops a bill including Nik Kershaw, the Counterfeit Stones, Ultimate Earth, Wind and Fire and Bob Marley tribute act Legend.

Dougie said he was a big fan of anything to do with the reggae master.

He said: "I was listening to Bob Marley yesterday actually. He was amazing and I'll definitely look forward to checking that out."

There will also be an appearance by Jeff Silbar, co-writer of the ballad *Wind Beneath My Wings*. He will perform the song with soul diva Jocelyn Brown.

Its chorus of "Did you ever know you're my hero?" has become an anthem for the charity.



ON THE MARCH: McFly – 'the world's biggest wimps' – jumped at the chance to headline the County Showground gig

Also confirmed to appear are the Minden Band, a 30-piece military band, a nine-piece pop band and an 18-piece swing band.

After McFly's headline appearance in Maidstone the band will prepare for a UK tour, starting in Sheffield on November 7 and ending in Liverpool on November 29.

Dougie said: "We're up and down the country on tour doing God knows what, so good times."

"I pack a massive suitcase because I get through so many clothes. Then once it's over I'm going to have a massive dinner, sleep for a week and search for the sun in Australia or somewhere."

The Detling concert on Sunday, September 21, will run from noon until 10pm and be com-

pered by Maidstone-born actor Shaun Williamson and TV presenter Cheryl Baker, who is from Sevenoaks. It has been organised by Help For Heroes, a charity which supports wounded servicemen and women.

Advance tickets cost £25 for adults, £14 for children aged six to 12, and £5 for the under-fives. A family ticket for two adults and two children will only be available by advance booking for £70.

Tickets on the gates will be £30 for adults, £18 for children aged six to 12 and £5 for under-fives. There will be food stalls and a picnic area in the grounds.

For more details on the event and to buy advance tickets, visit [www.daysforheroes.com](http://www.daysforheroes.com).



NIK KERSHAW: "This is about people, not politics"

## Wouldn't it be good to hear Nik's tunes?

EIGHTIES chart-topper Nik Kershaw will be adding a touch of nostalgia to the Day For Heroes event.

He became a huge star in the early 1980s with hits such as *I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me* and *Wouldn't It Be Good*.

He also wrote Chesney Hawkes' 1991 smash hit *The One and Only*, which became one of the most successful singles of the decade.

Kershaw, 50, is keen to support the event, which is raising funds for charity Help For Heroes. Launched last year, it provides support for wounded servicemen and women.

"Regardless of opinions, they [the armed forces] are out there," he said.

"It's not about politics, it's about people. They're over there fighting on my behalf and it's the least I can do."

He has continued to work as a songwriter and recording artist, but will be reviving his hits to get the crowds dancing on Sunday, September 21, at the County Showground, Detling.

The industry has changed a great deal in the last 20 years, but Kershaw does not fear for the future of music.

"I think it's facing its biggest challenge, but only on the commercial side of making music," he said. "Music will always be made because people have it in them."



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CHALLENGE: Val Walton will run the Shepway group

# Partnership to nurture children's life chances

■ BY NICK AMES

CHILDREN'S services across the county have entered into new partnerships in a bid to work more closely together.

Now a total of 23 new local children's services partnerships will combine representatives from Kent County Council services, schools, social care, district councils, health and the police, as well as other voluntary services and agencies who work with children.

The move is part of a national programme of reform to improve the health, safety and learning of all children and young people.

It will be overseen by the Kent Children's Trust.

KCC's managing director of children, families and education, Graham Badman, chairs

the trust and the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Dr Stephen Venner, is deputy chairman.

Mr Badman said: "The new partnerships will not only make a difference to the way services for children work together in Kent but most importantly for children and young people themselves.

"They will strengthen the networks between agencies to help ensure each individual child receives the care and attention they need.

"The most vulnerable children in our society must be given the highest priority and these new arrangements will help to do this."

The local partnerships will be led by a local children's services partnership manager.



Val Walton and Stephen Smith are set to run the Shepway group. Their first responsibility will be to develop a local children and young people's plan based on local needs.

Ms Walton said: "I am looking forward to developing even further our work with other agencies supporting children, young people and their families.

"We have identified seven priorities to be working on that have been identified with the help of children and parents themselves.

"The new partnerships present an exciting challenge to us all in the coming months."

KCC cabinet member for children, families and education standards, Cllr Leyland Ridings, said: "This is a hugely significant moment in the development of our children's trust arrangements and our ambition to improve the wellbeing and life chances for Kent children and young people. I know the partnerships will have a successful future."

## Our cops hop across the Channel

POLICE officers from Kent have crossed the English Channel as part of a major crackdown on speeding British tourists and business travellers on French roads.

Three officers took a trip to the Continent to work with the Gendarmerie Nationale in a road safety exercise aimed at preventing accidents involving British motorists.

Two traffic officers and a linguist took part in the exchange which came about because of concerns voiced by the Prefect of the Pas de Calais about the high number of speeding British motorists in northern France.

Based mostly at motorway tolls and service areas south of Calais, the gendarmes focused on GB motorists as they checked vehicle condition, examined driving documents and looked for safety devices carried in cars which include high-visibility vests

and a warning triangle – mandatory on French roads. About 200 vests were given out to motorists who were unaware of this aspect of French highway law.

Chief Inspector Roscoe Walford said: "We worked alongside the gendarmerie to give and receive road safety advice, learn good practice, help with language difficulties, promote our Travelling Abroad web page and observe French procedures.

"We can always learn something from our colleagues across local, regional and national borders and they can learn from us.

"We work closely with our French colleagues in relation to serious and organised crime and this cross-border road safety operation is a natural next step in that process."

Kent Police will host officers from the Gendarmerie Nationale in a similar operation

later this month.

Deputy head of the gendarmerie traffic department for the Pas de Calais, Lt Patrick Vanderstraeten, said: "Many citizens of EU countries use our roads either to travel to a holiday or business destination within France or are en route to another country.

"It is only right that drivers in a foreign country should take responsibility for their safety by obeying the rules of the road.

"Failure to keep to the speed limit has led to four deaths and 13 injuries on the motorways of the Nord Pas de Calais this year. Half of the speeding offences detected at more than 200kph (125mph) in this area have been committed by British drivers."

"The fact that you may be travelling in a foreign country should not cause you to be careless with your life."

## Airing your views on travellers' sites

RESIDENTS are being urged to give their views on plans for new camping sites for gypsies and other travellers.

The South East England Regional Assembly has launched a public consultation on its 10-year target for areas which would be available to travellers as campsites.

It wants views on how spaces should be sited across the South East, including Kent.

More than 1,200 new spaces are planned for the region, which reaches as far as Buckinghamshire.

Assembly member Cllr Moira Gibson said: "After years of uncertainty over making space for gypsies and travellers, councils now have a duty to provide new spaces in a bid to cut homelessness and reduce illegal camping.

"We want to hear everyone's opinion on the new plans."

The consultation will end on November 21.

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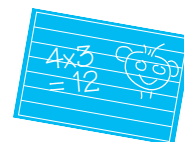
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Tables can be booked for lunch from noon, with last orders being taken at 12.45pm. A three-course lunch with coffee costs £5.50.

The restaurant is staffed by the academy's hospitality and catering students.

Fresh local ingredients are used in the dishes to provide the best value for visitors.

## BREAK TIME

## Governors consider trust status switch

THE governing body of Folkestone School for Girls is considering changing its status to a trust school and wants to hear the views of parents, staff and the community.

The school takes girls aged from 11-18 and specialises in computing and maths.

Details of what trust status would entail and how it would affect staff, pupils and parents are available on the school's website, [www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk](http://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk).

# Beth stays true to her art dream

■ BY NICK AMES

FOLKESTONE student Beth Walker has been awarded a first-class honours degree in fine art by the Chelsea School of Art.

The 21-year-old, from Avereng Road, left Folkestone Grammar School for Girls straight after her GCSEs and attended Ashford School of Art and Design, part of South Kent College.

She said: "The college is small enough that it feels more like a family than an educational institution."

"So many people were quite funny about my leaving the grammar, saying I'd never amount to anything, and what kind of job would I get doing art."

A huge help to Beth in her search for the right course was the fact that her mother, Jayne Walker, is a senior manager at South Kent College.

Jayne said: "I have always believed that at 16 if a young person is going to be successful they should be studying something they really enjoy, at an appropriate level for them and in an environment that suits their needs."

"However, when it is your own daughter the decision is more difficult. Beth was doing well at the girls' school and was an A-grade student at GCSE. Should we advise her to stay on – or support her in following her dream?"

Beth studied for a BTec National Diploma in fine art as well as key skills, which gave her the breadth and depth needed to be accepted on to a degree-level programme without following a foundation course first.

Jayne said: "We are proud of her. She has



FIRST CLASS: Beth Walker with her degree

worked incredibly hard and is very talented. I am equally proud to be a part of South Kent College.

"Not only does the college give great opportunities for high-fliers such as our daughter, but it has great success with others who, if not for the college, would not be in education at all."

Beth's work was singled out for praise in a website review of the Chelsea BA Fine Art Degree Show 2008.

The critic congratulated the show with its "notable paintings... the precious architectural gems of Beth Louise Walker".

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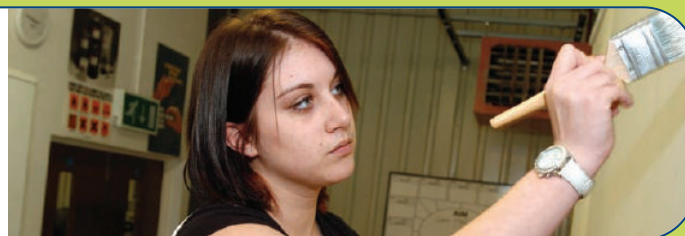
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## The Manchester mud is a long way from Copacabana beach

WITH the Premiership about to resume after the annoying inconvenience of a couple of England fixtures, there's one game that really catches the eye this weekend – Manchester City v Chelsea.

I don't suppose too many people at the start of the season would have thought anything involving the less famous team from the city that gave us Boddington's would be of any real interest.

But Citteah (as they are known to true fans) have gone and got themselves bought by a sheik who makes Roman Abramovich look like a bit of a skint.

So, the newly nouveau rich will take on the slightly older new money in a battle of the bank balances at Eastlands.

City struck the first blow in the cash war when they nabbed long-term Chelsea target Robinho from Real Madrid.

The Sky Blues are being compared to Chelsea in the days following Abramovich's

arrival. But I think the parallels between the clubs can be best illustrated if you look at Chelsea in the summer of 1995.

At that time – resplendent in an "amber and graphite" (orange and grey) away strip – they hadn't won anything of note since 1971 but managed, through the contacts of then manager Glenn Hoddle, to land dreadlocked Dutch superstar Ruud Gullit, a one-time world player of the year.

He looked a little out of place in a team boasting players such as David Lee, Terry Phelan, Scott Minto, Paul Furlong and Mark Stein. And he seemed frankly bewildered when partnering Eddie Newton in midfield or playing as a sweeper behind Frank 'What's he doing?' Sinclair.

A little bit of class was added that summer when Mark Hughes – coincidentally now City manager – joined.

But for the most part the Dutch maestro found himself – from his debut in a friendly at Gillingham through to an FA Cup semi-final defeat by Manchester United – trying to come to terms with the shortcomings of a journey-

man outfit. City have some class players – former Chelsea man Shaun Wright-Phillips and Brazilian Jo – so Robinho won't have to do it all himself. But he is going to a club which has won nothing for years and struggled through the first round of the UEFA Cup.

He will certainly notice the difference between Manchester and Madrid. So the question for people who follow the game has to be: what happens next?

If Robinho succeeds, others will follow – just as the likes of Vialli, Zola and de Matteo were attracted to Chelsea by Gullit.

But what if it all implodes? After all, who was the last South American to really make an impact in English football?

Roque Santa Cruz has done well, Gus Poyet was consistent, Tino Asprilla was good for about five minutes, but Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles were the last people from that part of the world to be really big players in our game.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Partial preservation is the way to go

REGARDING the story concerning the harbour branch railway line and the campaign launch (Yourshepway, August 27), I suggest full preservation of the old line may be a nice idea but extremely unlikely to happen, given that Mr DeHaan owns most of the harbour area now anyway.

Firstly, local people voted nine to one in favour of Mr DeHaan's entire seafront, knowing it would mean the removal of the line.

These plans may be on hold at the moment due to the credit crunch, but that's all. The financial situation also makes the line a non-starter anyway.

Once things improve, or even before then, it is the DeHaan development of the entire site that will undoubtedly go ahead.

So it's far more sensible to conserve only what can be saved of the line. This should include, for instance, the signal box and parts of the station as examples, along with the stone Neptune-headed monolith.

These could be resited, perhaps on the old East Station site, alongside a museum of the line there, the latter including the history of all of Shepway's railway system. Adding a platform at that site may also facilitate further steam and other visits.

None of this requires the whole line to be preserved.

The First World War trails, pier café and memorial could also be done without the rest of the old line.

Folkstone West station, where the troops detained, would play a more prominent part, and I hear that a room in the redeveloped station may be used for something on these lines.

As regards the port, the plan for conventional vessels again appears to be a non-starter, with LD Lines already having rejecting it and going to Dover.

A fast-craft-only service might be possible, but not unless firms like Speedferries, currently operating from Dover, think it would pay.

Finally, I've heard some disturbing news about the group's committee. Apparently the initial chairman and another member were removed after a meeting at which neither were present, the former being 'offered' the post of president. He, rightly, refused this.

Despite the changes – and like it or not – I suggest the group will have to rethink its objectives if any of the old line is to be conserved.

Ray Duff  
Folkstone

### Chemical smells are not all from France

I HAVE before me the blogger's article headlined 'Let's return Le Stink with our unique county pong' (Yourshepway, July 13) which will give ill-informed readers the impression that all chemicals in the atmosphere above Kent – and which give rise to a most unpleasant odour – originate on the other side of the Channel. That is not the case.

On August 14 I travelled from Dover to Canterbury, then back, along the A2. Both journeys were unpleasant on account of a foul smell which came from a field on the west side of the A2 about three miles from Canterbury, following the application of waste of one kind or another.

I reported the matter to a council environmental officer and the gentleman suggested it was very likely that waste from a paper mill had been applied to the field.

The gentlemen made this suggestion because he was aware paper mill waste is probably the

worst kind if judged by odour.

I have detected pig waste in this area on many an occasion while resident here and I have no doubt that most of the smells originated in Kentish agricultural fields.

Residents of Canterbury will know that a centrally-located leather factory gave rise to most unpleasant odours for four decades or more, but thankfully the site has been redeveloped.

Lionel S Gay  
Dover

### Hospital should be sited in Whitfield

A WONDERFUL opportunity is about to be missed by the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust at its board meeting on Wednesday, September 17.

It is highly likely the board will decide to build a community 'hospital' without beds in Maison Dieu in the centre of Dover town.

The other site considered was at Whitfield, which would have enabled the community 'hospital' to expand and be the foundation stone for a general hospital in the future, which both Dover and east Kent will need.

The Maison Dieu site is landlocked before it has even been completed and will not be adequate for this eventuality. It is a very restricted site on a congested one-way system, and currently a car park which Dover needs.

Parking and traffic will be a major problem in Dover during construction and future years.

Access to the community 'hospital' will be difficult and time-consuming. Parking, traffic and access should be of prime consideration.

The Whitfield site answers all the questions that should be addressed and has not been properly investigated – which it should have been.

The PCT should not be entrusted

with this final decision and the Government, if it's listening, should be involved if a monumental missed opportunity is not to be the result.

Reg Hansell  
Chairman, New Hospital For Dover

### Wildlife is much better than lorries

IT is good to see wildlife is flourishing on the top of the White Cliffs, as you reported last week.

But how different the whole area would have been if plans for a massive lorry park were approved.

Instead of orchids we would have HGVs and instead of the perfume of flowers we would have the pollution of vehicle exhausts.

So full marks for local people and environmental groups who stood up to these proposals and showed the developers that their plans were unwelcome.

Neil Thompson  
Capel-le-Ferne

### Knock it all down and start again

SO Dover town council wants ideas to boost tourism, does it? Well, I have one, or maybe two.

Clean up the high street and town centre, knock down all the hideous concrete buildings, get rid of the charity shops – and open some welcoming bars and cafés. How's that for starters?

And while they're at it – scrap the nonsensical cable-car idea which will make the historic castle look like a site in Disneyland.

Alan Walsh  
Dover

### Teaching us all a lesson about effort

WELL done to the teacher who set up her own classes after the

Westbrook House prep school closed, to the disappointment of so many. It is heartening to see someone prepared to take on responsibility when something like this happens and so many children and their parents are affected.

Best wishes to Rosie Lagure and her new school.

Rosalind Davies  
Folkstone

### It's obvious the hedges will grow

WITH all the rain, you'd think the council would realise pavements will get overgrown by weeds sprouting from hedges. Yet they seem to have ignored this problem which makes many pathways so overgrown that people are forced to walk in the road. This may not be a problem in quiet country lanes, but it is along stretches of the A20.

Helen Anderson  
Smeeth

### Animal efforts are exceptional at park

YET again I feel applause is due to the efforts of the Aspinall Foundation when it comes to assisting in the preservation of endangered species. I went to see the snow leopards featured in the paper last week and they were truly a sight to behold.

Tina Hamilton  
Dover

### Good luck to the Channel rocket man

BEST of luck to Yves Rossy in his attempt to cross the Channel in a rocket. In these days of health and safety, it is good to see someone willing to take a risk.

Brian Poulter  
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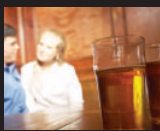
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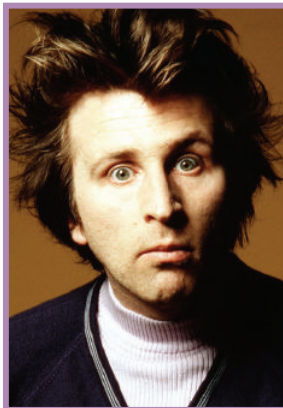
CHUCKLES, chortles and laughs will resound around the seaside town when the Whitstable Winkle Comedy Festival gets under way.

Big names in the world of comedy will be heading for the Kent coast next week, ready to entertain audiences in relatively small venues. Headliners include Hattie Hayridge, Dominic Holland, Paul Foot, Richard Herring, Paul Tonkinson and many more. Acclaimed poet and wit John Hegley's two shows have both sold out already, but there are plenty more tempting prospects on offer.

The festival is the brain child of dentist Ashley Watson and former stand-up comic Steve Graham, who decided Whitstable would be the perfect spot for a comedy festival about 18 months ago. With a lot of hard work they got together the £20,000 needed to make the event a reality, which includes a £1,000 Make It Happen grant from Canterbury council.

"We thought Whitstable would be so right because you can walk everywhere," Mr Graham said. "We found about 50 venues we could have used. It was something we really wanted to do for the sake of the town."

At first attracting big names to the inaugural event was not easy, but once they started spreading the word, comics were ready to be beside the seaside.



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"With any new event, acts always ask who else is on board," Mr Graham said. "Phil Jupitus rents a flat in the town on a regular basis, but he is going to be filming in America during the festival. However, when I spoke to Mark Arden, he had just spoken to Phil and then Steve Frost, Mark's friend, agreed to do it. We spoke to a booking agent who started putting the word out and all the names we wanted became available at reasonable prices."

There is a diverse range of acts on offer during the four-day festival, from a ladies only bill at the East Quay Bar on Thursday featuring Hattie Hayridge, Zoe Lyons and compere Hils Barker, to the surreal Pappy's Fun Club at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre on Friday.

Other comedians taking part include Richard Coughlan, Adam

Bloom, Otiz Cannelloni, Mitch Benn, Milton Jones, Patrick Monahan, Stephen Frost and the Improv Players and many more.

There will also be live music after gigs at some of the bigger venues and some tickets include the chance to party at the East Quay until late into the night. A film screening of Sarah Silverman's *Jesus is Magic* will be preceded by a very special opening film, while contributors to the Funny Art! show include Harry Hill.

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## IDA AND ISAAC'S SHELTER

Saturday and Sunday,  
September 13-14  
The Beach Hut, Folkestone

INSPIRED by the story of her displaced relatives, puppeteer Estelle Rosenfeld explores their story.

Ida and Isaac's Shelter will be performed at the Beach Hut venue at 58 Saxons Road as part of the Folkestone Fringe to close the Folkestone Triennial. Two 70cm tall rod puppets will be sheltering inside the hut, which will be turned into a dollhouse, ready to explore the clichés of happy family photographs and personal stories in history.

The French artist, now based in Ramsgate, was inspired to begin the project when she discovered a photograph in her Paris studio a few years ago.

It showed two relatives,



Ida and her husband Isaac, standing on the beach of the then-fashionable resort of Berck-Plage in northern France in 1930. When her father told her the couple had been deported 12 years later, never to return,

Rosenfeld was moved to think about deportation, imprisonment and the loss of liberty.

Performances start at 5pm both days. Find out more online at [www.folkestonefringe.com](http://www.folkestonefringe.com).

## TONY STOCKWELL

Thursday, September 25  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

THE Psychic Detective, Tony Stockwell, will be astounding a Shepway audience with his skills later this month.

Born into a close family in

London's East End, Stockwell was just an ordinary boy – except that he had developed an extraordinary skill.

He claimed to hear voices calling his name, see people that others could not see and be aware of events before they actually happened. At the age of 16 he was introduced to a spiritualist church by a friend and from that moment on, Stockwell knew what he wanted to do with his life.

Since then he has worked all over the world, taken part in the major Best of British Mediumship tour, run three national tours of his own and opened the Tony Stockwell Psychic Studio in Essex. He has two books to his name and is working on a third, while his face will be familiar thanks to his three television series – The Psychic Detective, Street Detective and Psychic School.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18. To book see [www.leascliffhall.co.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.co.uk) or call 0870 4000890.



## BORN IN THE GARDENS

Monday to Saturday, September 15-20  
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

AN ELDERLY mother and her eccentric son are offered the chance of a new life in Peter Nichols' Born in the Gardens.

Stephanie Cole plays Maud, who lives in her mock-Tudor Bristol home with middle-aged son Mo. The pair are inseparable, enjoying a shared taste in tinned food, bizarre cocktails and keeping the past alive. Mo enjoys jazz and chatting to the cat, while his mother conducts most of her conversations with the television.

Their oddly contented world is upset by the death of Maud's husband, whose funeral brings older son Hedley, a Labour MP, and Mo's twin sister Queenie, now living in the US, back to the family home. The pair propose selling the crumbling house, offering Maud and Mo the chance to escape its confines. But not everyone wants freedom when it is offered.

Cole has many theatre credits to her name and a diverse television career, ranging from prisoner of war drama Tenko to her award-winning turn in sitcom Waiting For God.

Tickets are £12.50 to £22.50. To book call the box office on 01227 787787 or see [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com).



## SHEPWAY LEISURE

### Never forget, elephants are truly magnificent

THE largest land animal will be celebrated at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park as it marks the Year of the Elephant.

On Sunday the park near Hythe will give visitors the chance to learn more about these magnificent animals and have lots of family fun with talks, quizzes, art, a mask parade, craft workshops and finger puppets.

Children aged 12 and over can enter a competition to win a VIP day with the elephant keepers. Find out more about the park at [www.totallywild.net](http://www.totallywild.net).

### Diners get on track for a first-class experience

TRAIN enthusiasts will be on track for a great day out and a tasty dinner on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.

On Saturday the Dungeness Fisherman's Diner first class train will be taking passengers from New Romney to Dungeness, where they will enjoy a three-course meal.

Full timetable information can be found on the railway's website at [www.rhdr.org.uk](http://www.rhdr.org.uk). For more information and to book call 01797 362353.

### Take a tour of churches and help to raise funds

PUT your best foot forward or get pedalling to take part in the Friends of Kent Churches annual sponsored bike ride and walk.

The event, which has been running for more than 20 years, will be held between 10am and 6pm on Saturday. More than 700 churches will be involved, many offering refreshments.

To help you plan your route and for more details, see the list participating at [www.friendsof Kentchurches.co.uk](http://www.friendsof Kentchurches.co.uk).

### Nothing minor about the talents of brass band

ENJOY live music in the great outdoors when the Betteshanger Brass Band performs in Folkestone this weekend.

The band was formed in Deal in 1932 by George Gibb and his colleagues, who were looking for a way to relax after a hard day at work. Find out more about the band at [www.betteshanger.org](http://www.betteshanger.org).

Hear them perform at the bandstand on the Leas from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Sunday. The gig is free.

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## SHEPWAY SHOPPING

### New product will help you shake up your style

HARRISONS Hair Team in Evesgate and Sandgate are one of four salons in the south east to offer a new Redken styling product.

This month sees the launch of Wool Shake from the Urban Experiment range. The cotton-infused formula achieves messed-up, voluminous washed-out glam with a grainy top-coat surface and unrefined texture.

There are many ways to use this new product now available at Harrison's Hair Team, shake to activate and spray on dry hair for a grainy texture and unrefined shape or on dry hair for a curly, messed up look with more definition. Either way this product delivers over-the-top dramatic texture and grab.

Salon boss Sue Harrison said: "I am really excited about being offered this product exclusively."

"It's Redken's first-to-market solid-to-liquid spray gel."

"Wool shake is the perfect festival hair accessory and Redken is the official sponsor of the VIP lounge at V Festival, the festival guide will be given to celebs at the major festivals and we are giving them out free to our clients in-salon."

### Superstore will charm you with DVD discounts

RE-LIVE the antics of Carrie Bradshaw and her devilish pals with box sets of Sex and the City on DVD.

Tesco is selling each of the six seasons for just £13 each, down from £19.99, the recommended retail price.

More female capers are to be found in Charmed, the popular supernatural series which is also on DVD. Series box sets at Tesco are going for £47.97 down from £59.99, so now is a great time to watch the hocus pocus for yourself.

Visit [www.tesco.com](http://www.tesco.com) for these and other bargains.

### Be a top shopper when you wrap up in a coat

TOPSHOP'S sale is sure to thrill the girls as the cold weather draws in.

Star buys include a black washed cotton mac, perfect for keeping out the autumn rain £25, at half price down from £50. A stone colour trench coat, a stylish addition to any wardrobe with toggle fastening and belt, is now just £15, down from £55.

A little different is a shiny, short-sleeved parka, with zip fastening, £25 down from £50.

Swing by your nearest store or see [www.topshop.com](http://www.topshop.com).

### Computer fans will be game for these deals

THE deals of the week section at Gamestation's website is always worth a moment of any gamers time.

Games currently the subject of bargain offers include Halo 3 on the Xbox 360 for £14.99 and Sega Superstars Tennis on the Nintendo Wii for £9.99.

The Orange Box, a frantic shoot 'em up game, will retail at £19.99 on the Xbox 360 when it is released in mid October.

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### ROCKNROLLA (15)



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### DISASTER MOVIE (15)



When you've hit bottom and the last glimmer of hope has disappeared, the only way is up, isn't it? Apparently not. Disaster Movie, from the writers-directors of Meet the Spartans, lives up to its name. Lacklustre dance moves and questionable look-alikes, Disaster Movie opens with a humourless prologue set in 10,001 BC, then jumps to present day where the fun never begins.

### THE STRANGERS (15)



A battle of wits between a young couple and three masked strangers who invade their home in the dead of night, this is a riveting edge-of-seat thriller. An impressive first effort from director Bryan Bertino, who never identifies the attackers enacting their despicable plan almost without exchanging a single word, except for a chilling final remark.

# Costumed in tragedy

BY SARAH O'MEARA

**MONTHS** of being sewn in and out of 18th century corsets have clearly taken their toll on Keira Knightley.

The 23-year-old Pirates of The Caribbean star arrived for this interview in what looks like a full-length frilly black nightie.

Keira clearly learned one thing from portraying infamous 18th century socialite Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, in her latest film *The Duchess* – that she needs to take full advantage of her modern right to breathe.

"The costumes were completely fantastic because Georgiana was a very famous fashion icon. But they weren't particularly comfortable," she says frankly.

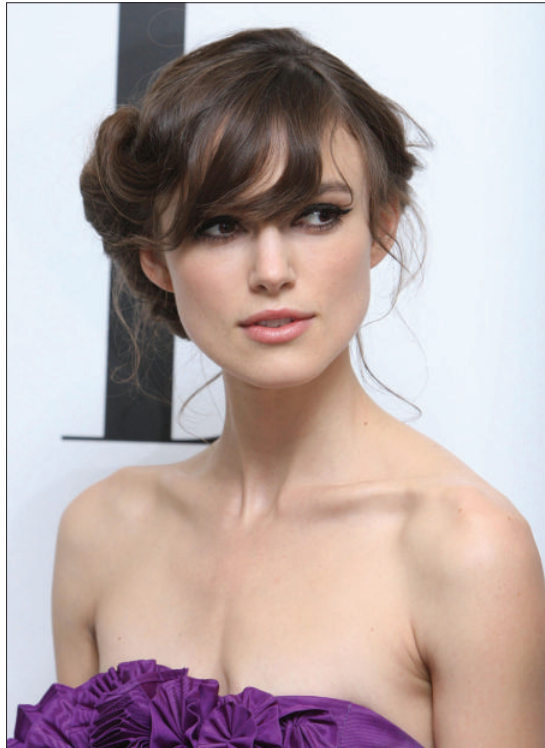
"In a corset you can't catch your breath. It means your emotions are heightened because you can't calm down."

Considering she plays an aristocrat whose glamorous, yet tragic, life has led her to be compared with the late Princess of Wales, this was not such a bad thing.

Author Amanda Foreman is largely responsible for bringing the duchess' life back into the spotlight, thanks to a biography she wrote in 1998.

Details about her husband's infidelity, her trend-setting outfits, affair with future prime minister Lord Grey and eventual menage-a-trois with her husband and former best friend Lady Bess Foster, proved sensational reading and the book was an instant hit.

The film version stars Keira Knightley along with Ralph Fiennes as the Duke, Dominic Cooper (*The History Boys*) and Mamma Mia! as her lover Lord Grey and Hayley Atwell (*The*



**BEAUTY:** Keira Knightley appreciates breathing after having to wear a corset

*Line Of Beauty*) as Bess.

Although the film's producers are hoping that linking Diana, Princess of Wales with her great-great-great-aunt Georgiana will help attract large audiences, Keira says she didn't play on the connection.

"I was 11 when Diana died. I knew when I was going into it that she was a distant relation but that's as far as my knowledge went. I was making a film about

Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire and I think she's an interesting enough person to warrant a film about her, without comparison."

The beautiful and charismatic Georgiana was married at 17 to the Duke of Devonshire – a man more interested in sleeping with the maids and playing with his dogs than his new wife – and for many years she was unable to bear him an heir.

Her husband ignored her as a

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result and her dreams of a fairy-tale life gradually died.

But despite her personal problems, the young duchess won the heart of English society, and only the Duke seemed immune to her appeal.

"When I read the script the first thing that struck me was how incredibly lonely this woman was," says Keira.

"She was constantly surrounded by so many people and yet entirely alone. I think she just tried to grab on to any kind of love and attention she could possibly get."

Naturally enthusiastic and intelligent, Georgiana became involved in politics and eventually fell in love with the future Prime Minister, Lord Grey.

But despite having to accept her husband's mistress in a humiliating and extremely public menage-a-trois, her love for Grey was forbidden by the Duke.

"The whole journey for her is one from idealism to reality – she gets broken down. She couldn't have lived with herself if she'd gone off with Grey and given up her kids."

"I don't know if it has a happy ending but I think she survives and that can only be positive."



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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**HOW CLEAN IS YOUR HOUSE?**  
Channel 4, 8.30pm, Wednesday  
**HARRY AND PAUL**  
BBC 1, 9pm, Friday

■ BY TOM BETTS

WE all know the odd filthy so and so.

That friend who could do with an up close and personal with a can of deodorant, or the auntie who should really iron her clothes once in a while.

Then there's that odd guy at work who could do with brushing his teeth more than once a month.

Most of us can cope with that person for the odd hour or two, but you wouldn't necessarily want to pop round their house for tea and biscuits, unless maybe threatened with death.

So spare a thought for Channel 4 duo Kim and Aggie, who are to grease and grime what Batman and Robin are to fighting crime.

In *How Clean Is Your House?* they may be spared having to dine with their subjects, but the unenviable task of wiping a cloth round the grubby stranger's toilet bowl or sticking their hand down the back of a sofa that's been sitting in a dog hair-infested living room since the dawn of time, is no walk in the park either.

To be fair it's not a very entertaining show in all and the formula remains pretty much the same week in, week out, but it does have that 'I can't believe what I'm seeing' factor that often makes it hard to look away from these kind of shows.

If nothing else it's the kind of half-hour of TV that will make you want to jump up, grab a duster and a can of Mr Muscle and give the living room the once over for five minutes, which can be no bad thing in all.

Harry Enfield has returned to ped-



**CLEANING UP:** Kim (above) and Aggie who co-host Channel 4's *How Clean Is Your House?*

dle his distinctive brand of infantile humour with Paul Whitehouse.

In the early 90s you couldn't walk down a street without hearing one of these pair's catchphrases with Whitehouse repeating the feat with the highly rated *The Fast Show* not long after.

Their latest offering, the sketch show *Harry and Paul*, will not have the same impact, but the take-off of Dragon's Den last week was amusing and there were other encouraging signs that made me stick with it for the duration.

If you don't expect too much and can handle the odd bum note then you could certainly do a lot worse.

There's a bit more life left in the old dogs yet.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
**RETREATING** from the world can cause more trouble than it's worth. If you've been disappointed it doesn't mean you have to cut ties with a person. If one instructor doesn't suit you, find another. A dividend, refund or insurance payment can give you extra money for lessons.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
**EXPANDING** your horizons is fulfilling and frustrating, your friends and family keep trying to hold you back. They are just worried you'll get hurt. Turn a deaf ear to their warnings. You may make some serious mistakes, but at least they'll be your mistakes.  
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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
**IN** the past, you may have taken good health for granted. Now you're starting to experience aches and pains, you see you need to be more careful. Eating more nutritious foods and exercise makes a world of difference and you can soon adapt to your new lifestyle.  
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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
**YOU'RE** eager to explore greener pastures, but may not have the opportunity. While you resent this restriction, you need to accept it. Find different ways to branch out. Armchair travel can be done by reading and watching movies. You might also want to learn a foreign language.  
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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
**YOU** could run the risk of losing your identity in a large group. Although the people around you are undeniably talented, they can't make decisions for you. When people learn about your decision, they may try to change your mind. Stand firm. Only you know your own heart.  
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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
**LEARNING** to share is the first order of business. At times you'll benefit from pooling your resources with a friend, and at others the going could get slow, just go with it. You're learning a lesson about intimacy. You'll also start questioning some of your attitudes toward money.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
**FOR** weeks, you've been focused on family responsibilities. Now you're being given a golden opportunity to relax. People are starting to look to you for guidance. Your students will respond more readily to your lessons if you approach them with energy and enthusiasm.  
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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
**YOU** need to rein in your spending. The more you save now, the easier it will be later. Friends may be pressuring you to throw caution to the wind. Turn a deaf ear, you're the one who needs to survive on your bank account. An authority figure admires your restraint, and could reward you.  
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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
**YOU'RE** making headway careerwise. A power struggle could result in a promotion. Alternatively, you may decide to go into business yourself. Either way, it's time you realised your power. It may be necessary to take on some onerous responsibilities, but you're not afraid.  
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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
**WORKING** with a partner won't be easy, but it will be rewarding. Be ready to have your feelings hurt, especially with regard to the way you approach work. Adopt some of your friend's freewheeling ways and change your routine so you can make space for a new role.  
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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
**FAMILY** life has its ups and downs. On the one hand, you enjoy spending time with your nearest and dearest, but you can't help but be frustrated by relatives' narrow minded views. The sooner you stop trying to build ideological bridges, the happier your home life will be.  
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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
**BE** very careful who you trust. Some friends have proven their loyalty, and should be treated accordingly, but someone who has recently joined your social circle is more questionable. Be ready to refuse if asked a favour. Stay close to those who have your best interests at heart.  
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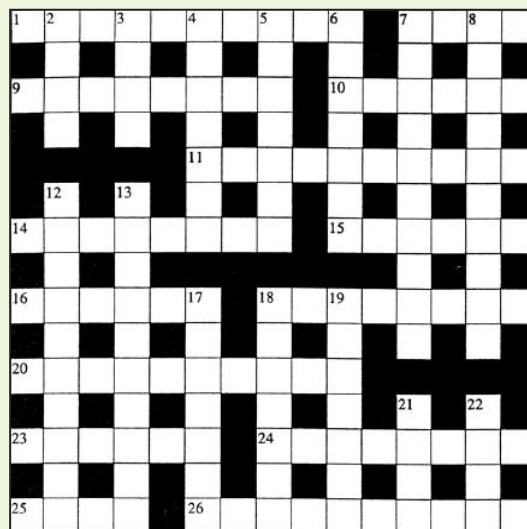
#### ACROSS

- 1 Cut only one of the cards first and doubled up (10)
- 7 River gently goes by tent-site (4)
- 9 Splendid old levy? (8)
- 10 Some seven ice-creams bought in the city (6)
- 11 Certain to be successful in three-legged race? (5,2,3)
- 14 Many taking on search for victory (8)
- 15 Remarkable odd jewel in fairground car (6)
- 16 Jack took Elizabeth to head of convent (6)
- 18 Nervously tense when hung by the neck! (6-2)
- 20 Fresh enthusiasm in addition for the country (3,7)
- 23 All-embracing girl about to hit the ball high (6)
- 24 Ready to be won over, having a meal Ben prepared (8)
- 25 Flower sticks audibly! (4)
- 26 Mac should be (10)

#### DOWN

- 2 A strange plant (4)
- 3 Continue to look up (4)
- 4 VIP has no furniture (7)
- 5 Meet earth-dweller leading chase (7)
- 6 Split had been shared (7)
- 7 United name found in agreement (10)
- 8 Weapon automatically used? (10)
- 12 Accidental accommodation for couple of families under one roof (6-4)
- 13 Press container for accordion (7-3)
- 17 Accept without questioning name of bird (7)
- 18 Sailor and where he might be first obtaining preservative (3-4)
- 19 Hot coloured stag? (3,4)
- 21 Some pasha arrived shrouded in sea-mist (4)
- 22 From Laos as well (4)

### SCRIBBLE HERE



### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Embodiment of American finance (4,6)
- 7 Curtain (4)
- 9 Sweetheart (8)
- 10 German composer (6)
- 11 Written works (10)
- 14 Raised price of property after receiving offer (8)
- 15 South African city (6)
- 16 Exhausted (4-2)
- 18 Wrapped up (8)
- 20 Stargazer (10)
- 23 Shellfish soup (6)
- 24 Woollens (8)
- 25 Strange (Scottish) (4)

#### DOWN

- 2 Hairstyle (4)
- 3 Neil (anag.) (4)
- 4 Slatern (7)
- 5 Made an effort (7)
- 6 Stood on high (7)
- 7 Non-meat-eater (10)
- 8 Arctic vessel (10)
- 12 Impromptu jazz concert (3,7)
- 13 Equal exchange (4,3,3)
- 17 Acrid (7)
- 18 Large round fruit (7)
- 19 French island (7)
- 21 Rock to and fro (4)
- 22 Skein (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No52

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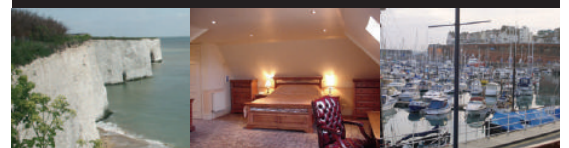
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### QUICK SOLUTION No53

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## Try the pleasures of plantation life

■ BY MIKE WATSON

NEXT time you pour yourself a cup of tea, drink a toast to Devastating Emily. That was the lurid nickname of a leaf virus that wiped out the coffee crop in Ceylon in the 1870s.

But a group of mainly Scottish pioneers weren't to be beaten. They were already growing tea – green gold. The plantations they established and the bankrupt coffee estates they bought are still producing some of the best of the world's crop.

Four thousand feet up in the centre of the country, now Sri Lanka, life has hardly changed since those days.

Until recently the area was hardly a holiday region. Transport isn't easy in Sri Lanka; most people travel in crowded buses that hurtle and roar around the hairpin bends.

This is definitely not a self-drive destination and most visitors hire a car with a driver for their trip. You'd be a nervous wreck five minutes after leaving the airport, even if Sri Lankans do drive on the left (in theory).

The four-hour drive from Colombo, the island's capital and site of its only international airport, can be arduous even with a skilled and friendly driver like ours. But it's worth it. Tucked away amid the rolling, vivid green tea



**DRINK:** Enjoy the dark green hillsides of tea country

estates is Tea Trails, four large bungalows that were once the homes of European planters.

Now tourists sample the luxurious life they once lived, complete with complementary gin and tonics, British cooking and clotted cream high teas.

These historic buildings, with a total of 20 luxurious bedrooms and suites, have been restored by Dilmah, one of Sri Lanka's leading tea producers. Each bungalow has its own manager, butler, chef and gardeners. They all have beautifully-kept grounds and overlook, or are close to, Castlereagh Lake, a reservoir in the Bogawantalawa Valley, known as the

Golden Valley of Tea. And there's plenty to do from your bungalow base. Activities include white water rafting, mountain biking, kayaking on the lake and treks and walks through the hillside tea plantations.

One essential visit is to one of the tea factories, huge three or four-storey multi-windowed buildings where – in less than 24 hours – freshly picked leaves are turned into the black tea we know so well. The tea is taken to Colombo for auction and more than 90 per cent is exported. But you can buy it at one of the many factories, which welcome visitors and have their own shops.

Sri Lanka has plenty of other attractions to offer visitors and we managed to cram in several in our short stay.

The island's beaches are famous and a good stop after a long flight is Negombo, just a few miles from the airport. Sri Lankans are mad on cricket and there were some very promising youngsters playing on the sands.

Also on our itinerary was some culture – two World Heritage Sites, the cave paintings and Buddha statues at Dambulla and the 200-metre high Sigiriya rock fortress and gardens.

And you can't miss the elephants. We saw 50 at dusk by a lake in Kaudulla National Park, and later visited the Pinnewala elephant orphanage, where around 80 animals of all ages live and bathe twice a day in the nearby river under the gaze of the tourists.

But my lasting memory of Sri Lanka will be the dark green hillsides of the tea country.

### TRAVEL DETAILS

Tropical Sky offers seven night tailor-made tours to Sri Lanka from £1,099 (two sharing) in May and June, including return flights. Accommodation, on B&B basis, includes one night at The Beach Hotel in Colombo, one at Heritage Kandalama, two in a deluxe room at Earl's Regency Hotel in Kandy and two all-inclusive in a luxury room at The Tea Trails. Package includes air-conditioned vehicle, with chauffeur guide, and entrance to various attractions. Tropical Sky reservations: 0870 907 9600 and [www.tropicalskyski.co.uk](http://www.tropicalskyski.co.uk).

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Website makes the right moves for a good profit

PROPERTY listings site Rightmove has reported a strong set of financial results for the first half of the year, despite the turbulence in the market.

Revenue for the six months ending June 30 was up by 49 per cent to some £37.8 million, in comparison to a figure of £25.4 million for the same period last year.

This allowed the site to generate operating profit of £20.8 million, up 58 per cent from £13.2m for the same period in 2007.

The increases in revenue and profit have been driven by a rise in the average revenue per advertiser, which is up from £234 per month last year to £317 over the period.

Approximately 90 per cent of all the residential property advertised for sale in the UK appears on the site, with Rightmove now the dominant force in the industry.

"These strong results, coming at a time of severe housing market difficulties, are evidence of the strength of the Rightmove proposition and the loyalty of our customers," said Ed Williams, group managing director.

"We are redoubling our efforts to ensure that Rightmove generates the enquiries from prospective homebuyers which our customers so desperately need."

### Positive outlook for buy-to-let investors

MORTGAGE brokers remain positive about the prospects for professional buy-to-let investors but are unsure about amateur landlords, a survey undertaken by market analysts has revealed.

The study from The Mortgage Works, said that while 45 per cent thought they would maintain their portfolio as it is, 49 per cent said they expected professional investors to acquire new properties this year.

This is up from 44 per cent six months ago, suggesting intermediaries are becoming more optimistic about landlords' ability to negotiate the credit crunch successfully.

In contrast, there has been a significant increase in the proportion of brokers who feel amateur landlords will not acquire new properties.

# Fee suspension stamps out mortgage struggles

## Scheme also helps first-time buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

STAMP duty has been suspended for a year on properties that cost less than £175,000 in a bid to boost the housing market and keep people struggling with repayments in their homes.

The move forms part of an emergency rescue package for home buyers and owners and was designed to help those who are facing repossession to stay in their homes.

Under the scheme, which will cost £1bn, vulnerable families will be offered the chance to sell their home and rent it back at a cheaper price.

They can sell the property to a registered social landlord who will clear the mortgage and then offer them a cheaper price in rent.

They will also have the opportunity to enter into shared ownership of the property.

The policy is designed to help families struggling with mortgages, but also those attempting to get on to the property ladder.

First-time buyers whose household income is less than £60,000 will be able to buy newly built properties with an equity loan of up to 30 per cent of the property's value.

Communities secretary Hazel Blears said: "This is about those families out there who want to get a house of their own, or those struggling with a mortgage."

"The Government has a responsibility to help," she said.

Recent figures show the number of homes being repossessed hit their highest level for 12 years during the first half of the year.

Around 18,900 properties were taken back by lenders - 48 per cent more than during the same period of 2007.

Last month the Chancellor Alistair Darling was accused of damaging the faltering housing market when he refused to rule out a temporary suspension of stamp duty.

Estate agents claimed this was making buyers "wait and see" what might happen amid already dire house sales data.



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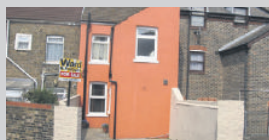
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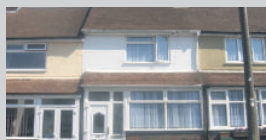
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## DOVER



**£119,995**

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## DOVER



**OIEO £125,000**

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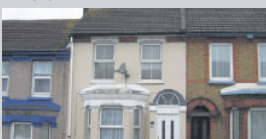
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**£125,000**

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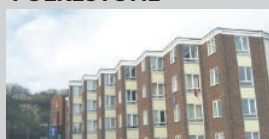
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## FOLKESTONE



**OIEO £109,995**

Retirement apartment that has been refurbished and has no chain. Comprising: bedroom, lounge, fitted kitchen and bathroom. Life facilities, communal lounge, laundry room and guest room facilities.

## FOLKESTONE



**£115,000**

Fourth floor flat comprising: lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom/WC. Double glazing and a balcony from both lounge and bedroom.

## FOLKESTONE



**£121,000**

An older style end of terrace house comprising: lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Gas fired central heating. Part double glazed. No chain.

## FOLKESTONE



**£149,950**

Older style terrace house comprising: lounge, kitchen/diner, two bathrooms/WC's, four bedrooms. Gas central heating, double glazing and courtyard garden.

## FOLKESTONE



**£154,995**

Two bedroom first floor flat. Private entrance. Lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, Bathroom/WC. Gas central heating, Double glazing, Communal gardens.

## FOLKESTONE



**£159,500**

End of terrace house comprising: lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Gas central heating, part double glazed, garage and courtyard garden.

## FOLKESTONE



**£171,950**

This ground floor flat comprises: lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom/WC, cellar and second reception room. Gas central heating, private garden and off road parking.

## FOLKESTONE



**£174,995**

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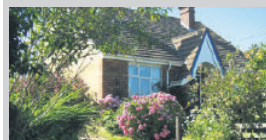
## FOLKESTONE



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## MOTORS NEWS



### Jeep powers to trio of awards in 4x4 division

DEMAND for 4x4s may be sliding, but 'classic' off-road brands like Jeep are expected to survive, especially after scooping three categories in 4x4 Magazine's prestigious 4x4 of the Year awards.

Nearly 70 vehicles were tested and Jeep took the budget, mid-size and extreme honours with its Patriot, Cherokee and Wrangler models respectively.

The magazine's editor John Carroll said: "The fuel efficient Patriot is a deserving winner for Budget 4x4 – on-road dynamics are excellent, with good handling and pleasant ride quality allied to a practical and roomy interior."



### Renaultsport cheaper with Twingo scorcher

IT is now cheaper, but no less exciting to enter the world of Renaultsport, thanks to the launch of the hottest Twingo hatchback so far.

The £11,550 Renaultsport 133 version should deliver a lot of fun as well as much-needed cachet to a line-up that has so far failed to capture buyers' imagination in the hard-fought city car segment.

The newcomer is also available with optional tuned 'Cup' chassis with lowered ride height, stiffer springs and dampers plus 17-inch alloys for enhanced driving experience.



### Jazz ups the tempo for the downsizing brigade

FULL marks go to Honda for the timing of its all-new Jazz supermini/MPV.

Priced from £9,990, it arrives in October as the downsizing trend gathers tempo from higher fuel and road tax costs and the drive to greener motoring.

The original Jazz was a revelation with its compact dimensions and space-ship interior plus clever lift-up rear seat bases for added load flexibility; its only real faults were gawky lines and an overly firm ride – addressed by a midlife makeover.



**THE REAL DEAL:** Ford's new Kuga launched earlier this year may be one of the meanest and cleanest SUVs on the market, but this counts for little with some environmentalists

# Ford's new Kuga proves impressive yet frustrating

FORD kept the UK market waiting for a decent 4x4 or sports utility vehicle (SUV).

The Maverick was a contradiction cloned from the Nissan Terrano, while the big American-sourced Explorer was all too appropriately named – oil prospecting was required to keep it in fuel.

Now we have something more impressive, but times have changed in the 4x4 sector, for the Kuga launched earlier this year may be one of the meanest and cleanest SUVs on the market, but this counts for little with some environmentalists.

The car's single engine option for now is a 2.0-litre TDCi turbodiesel averaging more than 40mpg and emitting just 169g/km of CO2 – the lowest emissions in its sector and just inside the £170/year road tax Band-E.

But do not bet against Ford tweaking the engine management to limbo beneath the 165g upper limit on Band-D (£145/year), or introducing a lower capacity 'eco' version.

Every little helps and the car's relative frugality and eco-friendliness may just be the incentive would-be buyers need to give the

## ROAD TEST FORD KUGA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Kuga a fair trial; once they have, they will be impressed.

Other compact 4x4s claim the 'best driving' crown, but the Kuga feels like the real deal.

Based on the known excellence of the Ford Focus platform with some input from Ford-owned Volvo, the Kuga feels as lithe and sharp as the big cat that inspired its name.

There is ample low power for spirited driving, aided by a crisp six-speed 'box and there is tenacious grip and excellent body control on the bends, without the fidgety ride that mars some rivals.

As with the latest Mondeo, the Kuga also shows Ford's ambition to move upmarket; the styling is sharp and distinctive and interior fixtures and fittings are way above 'typical Ford' of a few years ago while standard kit includes keyless start, 17-inch alloys, air con, electronic stability programme (ESP) and MP3 audio compatibility.

But prices start at £20,495 for the mainstream Zetec version with the Titanium flagship I drove priced at £22,495, though Ford still prices with discounts in mind.

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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### 4x4 ON THE CHEAP

SOARING fuel and tax costs, plus the economic downturn, have clobbered second-hand values for big thirsty 4x4s, but the redefined market has firmed up prices on smaller 'rough and tough' drives. Fact is some people who bought 4x4s originally, have become used to the extra grip and higher driving position even if they don't tend to seek out serious off-roading. So, forced to sell their bigger 4x4s, many may be looking to downsize to budget all-wheel-drive alternatives although these are not without their drawbacks – including less space.

#### FIAT PANDA 4x4



MAYBE not quite the typical 'butch' 4x4, but the Panda makes a surprisingly tough little customer for urban and rural users, thanks to under body protection and greater ride height. Despite Fiat's past reputation for poor reliability, the Panda has also proved itself as dependable as it is practical thanks to the boxy yet stylish five-door city car body. In sharp contradiction to the 'gas guzzling' image of 4x4s, the Fiat's 1.2-litre petrol engine should average more than 40mpg too.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### SUZUKI JIMNY



PRETTY it ain't, but the Jimny has long been pretty much the cheapest 'proper' off-roader on the UK market. If you really do need cut-price 4x4 clout in challenging conditions then this is the car. However, that ability brings penalties; the Jimny is rather bouncy, primitive and crude on-road so it is not a 4x4 to buy for image-conscious town dwellers, but the car is frugal, cheap to run and prices are sensible for a reliable and durable little 4x4.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### DAIHATSU TERIOS



THIS is really a tale of two cars. The original Terios was reasonably capable off-road, but on-road refinement was poor even if the car's reliability has proved to be bulletproof and it makes a good used buy. The new version, launched in 2006, has far better ability in both departments, but is probably still too young to be found in numbers on the used market. Power is exclusively petrol in both cases, but they are reasonably economical and low emission.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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Reliability	★★★★★
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**A4**, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**A6**, SE, g51nzd, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, abs, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, green, 130000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**TT**, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £14995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 295554 (TRADE)

## BENTLEY

**ARNAGE**, red label auto, 2001, biennium silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## BMW

**3 SERIES**, 320 D ES E90, 21951188, titanium silver, 70724 miles, £10000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**6 SERIES**, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue metallic with beige nappa leather, 224950 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**7 SERIES**, 730d SE AUTO, 21914188, sterling grey, 63748 miles, £17000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**7 SERIES**, 735i AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa leather, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**X5**, 3.0D SE AUTO NEW SHAPE, 1c57nwl, black, 9129 miles, £33000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**Z3**, 1.9 Roadster Convertible 2d 1895cc, p180jml, abs braking system, alloy wheels, radio / cd, front foglights, black, 59150 miles, £7995, E-SSURED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

## CHEVROLET

**CAPTIVA**, 2.0 VCDi LT 5dr, 18/08/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control auto climate control electric windows, brown, 12852 miles, £13500, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, 1.4 SX, g157nrx, finished in pearl black with black interior, black, 1000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, S 1.2, g157gpx, finished in sports blue with black interior, blue, 1000 miles, £6295, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 1.6, g150yht, finished in silver with interior, silver, 33000 miles, £5895, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, 1.0SE A/, g157eoe, finished in ocean blue with blue interior, blue, 5000 miles, £7590, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SE 0.8, 1160639, finished in ocean blue with black interior, blue, 8000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

## CITROEN

**BERLINGO** 800, 04 2005, 1.9d lx side door white pas 43,000 miles fsh lined, £4350, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**C-CROSSER**, 2.2 HDi Code 5dr, 2008, 2.2 hdi code 5dr estate special edition, grey, 1000 miles, £21995, Wilmoth's Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

**C3**, 1.4 HDi 16V SX 5dr, 2004, 1.4 hdi 16v sx 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 63973 miles, £5995, Wilmoth's Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**C4**, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR Plus 5dr, 2006, 1.6hdi 16v vtr plus 5dr diesel hatch, beige, 12740 miles, £8995, Wilmoth's Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

**C5**, 1.6 HDi 16V VTX+ 5dr, 2008, 1.6 hdi 16v vtx+ 5dr diesel hatch, red, 3000 miles, £12995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C6**, 2.7 HDi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto, 2006, 2.7 hdi v6 exclusive 4dr auto diesel saloon, grey, 12730 miles, £19995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C8**, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2004, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr auto diesel estate, oriental blue, 47265 miles, £9495, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**SAXO**, 1.6i 16v VTS Hatchback 3d 156v sx 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 63973 miles, £5995, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

**XSARA**, LX DIESEL, 2002, met red, 87186 miles, £3395, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**DUCATO** 14 2.8 jtd, 02 2002, 14 seats minibus rohit lt axle 40,000 miles tailift air suspension ex council ideal camper conversion, £7995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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**CINQUECENTO**, m/1994, manual locking manual windows, red, 74,000 miles, £1195, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 257795 (TRADE)

**COUPE**, 2.0 16v, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**DOBLO**, 1.2 Dynamic 8v, ex05mxc, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 28000 miles, £5490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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Good looking 20yr old female, gosh, likes dancing, socialising and meals out. Seeking a like-minded honest male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Box 443855 **1**

**LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE**  
29yr old professional single mum, own home/car, loves socialising, bowling and cuddles, WLTm a male, 30-36, to put a smile back on my face. Box 443894 **1**

**WE COULD MAKE IT HAPPEN**  
Relaxed redhead, 32yr old, 5ft4, enjoys theatre, meals and cosy nights in, WLTm a male, 30-42, for a happy relationship. Box 442617 **1**

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Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tall, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turlinridge Wells. Box 308734 **1**

## HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

## SEIZE THE DAY

Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442392 **1**

## ALONG THE SHORE

Brunette female, 30yrs old, single mum, enjoys socialising, DIY, romantic moments and family activities, WLTm a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393 **1**

## SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING

Hiya, I'm 36, WLTm any solvent men for a serious relationship, I like going out and having a good laugh, pubs, karaoke... Box 888159 **1**

## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **1**

## SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

## PRINCESS FIONA

Fun-loving single mum, 37, 5ft8, blonde going out, staying in and having fun, WLTm a male to be my knight in shining armour. Box 443290 **1**

## HERE WE GO

Black haired brown haired female, 37, recently separated, seeking genuine male for fun, evenings out, perhaps in, perhaps love. Box 443407 **1**

## BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'8", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **1**

## DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897963 **1**

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **1**

## CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Lovely single mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim build, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 972889 **1**

## DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **1**

## READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **1**

## HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER

Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar male for friendship/relationship. Box 443198 **1**

## DEEP DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover. Box 435441 **1**

## READ BETWEEN THE LINES

Blonde, 49, 5ft4, brown eyes, slim, enjoys music, dancing, dining in/out and gardening, GSOH, shy at first. Looking for honest man for friendship, maybe more. Box 904969 **1**

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African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTm gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443998 **1**

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## MAKE ME LAUGH!

Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442905 **1**

## MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP

Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted Mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440592 **1**

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## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

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## ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTm male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 **1**

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Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTm honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639 **1**

## TOO MUCH TO ASK?

Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music, etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275 **1**

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Young looking 40yr old, 5ft7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999 **1**

## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 441556 **1**

## HUNK SOUGHT

Medium build blonde, 48, likes the outdoors, going to the gym, quad-biking, a glass of wine, cinema, rugby/soccer/cricket, WLTm sincere guy for friendship/companionship and who knows. Box 894177 **1**

## BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 423952 **1**

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## DON'T BE SHY, SAY HI!

Positive, happy, young-at-heart. Mum, 55, 5ft8, blonde, loves classic rock and blues, country pubs, WLTm like-minded genuine male for friendship and hopefully something more. Box 443955 **1**

## FANCY A DATE?

Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 986880 **1**

## SOPHISTICATED SUE

Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTm a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443929 **1**

## CHARM ME

57yo tactile, passionate person, red hair, 5ft3, size 12, young looking, young thinking, very interested in Irish men, make me happy and live again. Box 438829 **1**

## MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS

Hi there, kind-hearted 57yr old sincere lady, non-smoker, recently separated, seeking kind, honest gent for friendship first and to make me laugh. Box 440637 **1**

## TAKE MY HAND

Honest, sincere female, 58, GSOH, enjoys the countryside, the coast, smoking, seeking tall, honest, sincere male for friendship first and possible relationship. Box 441662 **1**

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, dining out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

## HONEST FEMALE

Outgoing blonde female, 51, 5ft4, self-employed, faithful and loving, seeking a genuine chap without baggage for a relationship. Box 443864 **1**

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Hi, I'm Vette, 50, separated, blonde hair/eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for a male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420160 **1**

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Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5ft8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367 **1**

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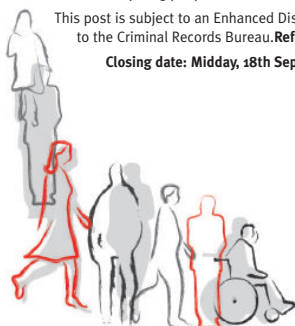
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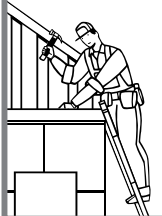
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Taking part are Andrew Masters, partner and head of employment, and employment lawyers Amanda Okill and Tom Dawson and specialist HR consultant Hugh Horsford.

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However, a report backed by BT, IT Skills for Flexible Working, by independent forecasting think tank The Centre for Future Studies, says few SMEs are using the most up-to-date practices where technology is fully integrated to create a virtual office.

To download a copy of the report, go to <http://www.insight.bt.com/reports/>.

### Educating employees

A TRAINING, development and coaching consultancy says more Kent businesses are taking a long-term view in the current economic downturn and investing in training.

Trish Jordan, co-director of Ashford-based Rich Picture, said: "It is encouraging to see more companies in Kent requesting support for coaching and training."

Many businesses are looking at ways to reduce costs, often by redundancies. However, the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD) has seen a number of businesses reversing this trend by taking a long-term view and investing more in their staff.

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Business editor Tony Patey takes a look at the latest developments on the scene

# Efficiency is the key to cutting back spending

■ BY TONY PATEY

RESEARCH shows two out of every three small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) are doing all they can to be energy efficient or are desperate for help on how to reduce energy usage.

Badar Khan, managing director of British Gas Business, told KOS Media that at a time of rising inflation, increasing costs across the board and reductions in entrepreneurs' tax relief, SMEs in Kent are feeling the pinch.

He said: "As they look at ways to cut costs, we think they could be missing some small tricks that could have a big impact."

"Research conducted by Ipsos MORI shows 61 per cent of SMEs believe they are doing all they can to be energy efficient and a similar number are crying out for help and advice on how they can further reduce their energy usage."

He recommends four ways of cutting energy use and saving money on energy bills – ways that have worked at his firm's Leicester office, where they've reduced electricity consumption by 13 per cent and gas by 50 per cent.

Mr Khan said this has helped the office save 455 tonnes of carbon dioxide and £58,000 on energy bills.

His four top tips are:

- Education. Did you know that leaving a photocopier on overnight wastes enough energy to make 1,500 A4 copies, and just 7cm of insulation on your hot water boiler and lagging of water pipes will save energy and prevent burst pipes in cold weather?

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**CUT BACK:** Badar Khan recommends some easy ways to reduce spending by raising awareness and turning things off

energy efficiency at home, at work few people seem to know where the buck should stop.

- Visualisation. Putting up posters and stickers around the workplace will remind people what they can do to save energy – and money. Also, turning down your thermostat by one degree can shave eight per cent of your energy bill.

- Action. Installing time switches to shut machines down overnight can help you make significant savings over the course of a year

and cavity wall insulation and draft excluders can reduce heat loss and energy consumption by up to 35 per cent.

For those looking at longer term savings, consider generating your own energy through new technologies such as solar photovoltaic and combined heat and power (CHP) systems.

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# Pro40 promotion least Kent deserve, says Key



CHANCE: Rob Key is hoping for better luck against Essex

KENT skipper Rob Key believes a win against old adversaries Essex this weekend – and with it promotion from Division Two of the Pro40 – is the least his side deserves.

The Spitfires sit in second spot behind Essex going into the final game of the season at Canterbury on Saturday.

A win for Key's side would not only ensure promotion, but it may also earn them the Division Two title if Yorkshire fail to win their final two games.

The game pits together two sides who are arguably the best one-day teams in the country and there have already been a number of big clashes between the pair.

The defeat to Essex in the Friends Provident Trophy at Lord's last month still haunts Key, but the chance to lift the Pro40 title would help nurse those wounds.

## CRICKET

He said: "Promotion from Division Two of the NatWest Pro40 would be the least we deserve after a season spent competing for every prize."

"It has been easy in recent weeks to think that someone up there hasn't wanted us to win anything."

"It has been a real test of our character, as individuals and as a team. Hopefully, by keeping going forward the way we have, we will get our final reward right at the end."

As well as earning promotion, Kent are still in the hunt for the County Championship Division One title.

Rain prevented them earning any more than seven bonus points in last week's draw

against relegation-threatened Surrey at St Lawrence that left them nine points behind leaders Nottinghamshire.

A trip to Liverpool to play Lancashire on Wednesday next week is followed by Kent's final game of the season at home to Durham on September 24.

Key believes his side are underdogs to claim the title but still expects it to go down to the wire.

He said: "I would say that Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Durham were all ahead of us in the race for the county title."

"All I hope is that we can keep ourselves in contention until our last game, at home to Durham at Canterbury. Then we would have quite a bit in our own hands and, if everyone is still fit and available, it would be quite a selection decision on our final XI."

## Town join first team in the relegation mire

SANDWICH Town 2nd XI made it an unwanted one-two as they emulated the club's first team with relegation from the top flight.

The side went into the final round of matches second from bottom but knew a win at home to Sevenoaks Vine gave them a decent chance of leapfrogging Lordswood 2nd XI to safety.

While rain blighted the majority of matches in the county, Town's game went ahead.

Colin Aldred's 4-32 gave them a lifeline as Vine were restricted to 184-9, but they could not make the most of their opportunity and were all out for 136 to confirm their relegation.

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## Park's second string fail to avoid drop

SIBTON Park 2nd XI's remote hopes of escaping relegation were snuffed out by the weather as their final match of the season against Hayes was abandoned.

Nothing less than a resounding victory against their opponents, one place and 17 points better off, was required to escape the drop from Division One 2nd XI.

Persistent rain made playing impossible and they, like the club's first team, will be playing in a lower division next season.

Elsewhere in the division, Folkestone's 2nd string had their match against runners-up The Mote 2nd XI scrapped due to the inclement weather.

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# Weather puts a damper on Town's great escape

## CRICKET ROUND-UP

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

SANDWICH Town's relegation fate was sealed by the weather as persistent rain forced their final match of the season against Sevenoaks Vine to be abandoned.

The odds were always stacked against the basement side, who needed a big win and other results to go their way to pull off a great escape. In the end, with every side receiving eight points due to the clean sweep of abandonments, Town finished 13 points adrift of safety.

It meant Sandwich's stay in the top flight lasted a single season following promotion as runners-up from Division One in 2007.

A victory against Beckenham in week two boosted hopes they could survive in the Premier Division, but they only managed one other win in the first half of the season.

A brilliant 146 not out from Kent youngster Sam Northeast inspired Sandwich to victory against fellow strugglers Lordswood last month.

It proved to be a false dawn as defeat to St Lawrence in the following game left them with too much to do going into the final round of games.

Sibton Park suffered a similar fate in Division One, relegated by just five points. They at least had the chance to decide their own fate, as their crunch decider against Whitstable survived the worst of the weather.

In a game reduced to 30 overs-a-side, a partnership of 62 between George Leadbetter and Steve Hobbs got them off to a good start but a procession of wickets saw them slump to 115-9 from their allocation.

The equation for them was simple: take ten wickets or be relegated. Unfortunately for the hosts, Whitstable's batsmen produced a stubborn defensive display which saw them inch along at less than three runs an over, finishing on 78-1.

Although Sibton Park claimed a winning draw, it was not enough to prevent a slide into Division Two next season.

Folkestone avoided any such drama, finishing in sixth after a mediocre season where they failed to threaten for promotion and after recovering from a poor start, were also relatively untroubled by thoughts of relegation.

The abandonment did not worry Hythe, who were confirmed as champions of a competitive Division Two, eventually triumphing by 11 points. Arguably their top performer was Ben



TRAPDOOR: Sibton Park (batting) avoided the worst of the weather but could not take the wickets they needed to avoid relegation

Dwyer, who was the division's leading wicket taker with 38 victims at an average of 16.5.

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare were also celebrating after winning the Feeder League East 1A after a 109-run win against Bobbing Court. Just two defeats all season laid the foundation

for the title, finishing well clear of nearest challengers Cowdrey.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close could not maintain the excellent early season form which saw them top the table, finishing down in fourth position.



# Whites topple Town to go top of the table

## FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

### Dover Athletic 3 Ashford Town (Middx) 2

DOVER'S Sammy Moore paid tribute to the club's fans, after receiving 33 stitches for a facial injury sustained during the win that took the Whites to the top of the Ryman Premier League.

"I'd like to thank the great supporters of this club for chanting my name and applauding when I was taken off today. I really appreciate it," Moore told the club's website.

"I've had a bit of bad luck since coming here with a couple of knocks, but hopefully I'll get more luck when I return from this small setback."

Bad luck is one way of putting it. Misfortune of one kind or another often befalls teams who play the Middlesex side and Moore was the recipient this time, copping an elbow in the face after seven minutes.

He was taken to hospital in Canterbury, where a facial surgeon put 30 stitches in his mouth and another three outside.

Moore's recuperation may be eased by the way his team-mates shrugged off two early setbacks to knock the previous leaders



Picture SIMON HARRIS

**EQUALISER:** Striker Lee Browning scored to help Dover leapfrog Ashford Town to the top of the Ryman Premier

Ashford off the top of the table. "It was great the lads did the job and got three points in the top-of-the-table clash," he said.

"We have a lot of belief we can do great things this season."

Dover fell behind after just two minutes when Paul Johnson's shot was deflected in, but Frannie Collin equalised almost immediately with a far post header.

Ashford regained the lead when Johnson exploited some absentee defending in the 12th-minute, but the crowd of 1,009 was revived when Lee Browning made it 2-2 ten minutes later, brilliantly picking out the top corner.

Justice was done in the 68th-minute when Moore's replacement James Rogers struck the winner into the top right corner.

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## Injured striker proves difference once again

## FOOTBALL

BUSTER Smissen is still struggling with a mysterious knee injury, but it did not stop him scoring the winning goal for the third successive game.

The striker, who notched 47 goals last season, scored the only goal of a tight match against VCD Athletic to maintain Hythe's unbeaten start to the season and send them up to third in the Kent League's Premier Division.

Town boss Paul Fisk revealed Smissen is still not 100 per cent fit as doctors struggle to reach a diagnosis.

He said: "He's had it looked at by three different people, but no-one has come up with a solution."

"He will gradually get fitter so there's more to come from him, but at the moment he's making a big difference."

"Strikers like him are hard to find. All his goals have been opportunistic in the six-yard box. In games like VCD where there are only a few chances, it is vital."

Smissen's first-half strike helped make up for last season's defeat at Old Road, when Hythe missed a penalty and conceded an injury-time winner.



**HAVING FAITH:** Hythe's Paul Fisk believes Buster Smissen's knee injury will improve

The sides meet again at Reachfields on Saturday in an FA Cup First Qualifying Round tie. After despatching Ryman South side Walton & Hersham in the last round, Hythe will be hoping to record another win to scoop the £3,000 prize money.

Hythe played Norton Sports last night. Log on to [www.yourshepway.co.uk](http://www.yourshepway.co.uk) for the report.

## Dover beef up ahead of another tough campaign

## RUGBY

EVEN Dover's coach Graham Tonks has trouble remembering how far his side have come in recent seasons.

"I think it's five promotions in six years," he told Yourdover. "But I'm not sure."

They finished runners-up in London 3 South East last season and now face their toughest task yet – a London 2 South division packed with talent. Their opening fixture is at Beckenham on Saturday.

Asked who their toughest opponents would be this season, Tonks replied: "All of them. We're not expecting an easy ride, but we're fully prepared. We've looked at the teams we're going to be playing in the pre-season so we've got a full realisation of what lies ahead."

In an attempt to hit the ground running, Dover have been preparing for the extra demands of this level all summer.

"We started training for this ever since the season ended," said Tonks. "They are better players and you've got to take the impact of the tackles so we've been doing a lot of weight stuff to build ourselves up."



**GAME ON:** Dover (stripes) and Deal & Betcheshanger start their league campaigns this weekend

Tonks says Dover could still do with reinforcements: "People assume that because we've been together so long we're a closed shop, but we could do with two or three more quality players," he admitted.

Anyone interested should call Graham on 07834 049688.

Deal & Betcheshanger, who were pipped to promotion by Dover when they finished third in London 3 South East last season, begin their campaign with a trip to play Surrey side Purley John Fisher.



Picture LAWRENCE ARNOLD

**UP FOR THE CUP:** Cugley hopes to end Ramsgate jinx

## Seasiders hoping for another FA Cup run

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley is hoping to improve his record against Ramsgate when the sides meet in the FA Cup this weekend.

The Rams won all four league encounters between the clubs during the last two seasons, but Invicta's recent FA Cup pedigree gives them a good chance of causing an upset.

Cugley's side reached the first round proper three seasons ago and almost repeated the trick in the last campaign, falling at the final hurdle against Billericay.

The Seasiders boss is hoping to stay in the hunt on Saturday.

He said: "I have never done very well against Ramsgate. We were very disappointed last year against Billericay because we didn't perform on the day. You always dream about making the first round."

Invicta continued their excellent start to the season with a 2-0 win against Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday. Jimmy Dryden and Andy Pugh were on target to send the club third in Ryman South.

Despite a good start to the season, Cugley believes his team are a long way from reaching their potential.

He said: "We knew it wouldn't happen overnight because we have so many new players, but we are getting there."

"We will get better and stronger as players come back from injury, so I'm quite pleased in that sense because I don't think we'll see the best of Folkestone for another couple of months."

Elsewhere, Gillingham are cool on Folkestone Invicta's hopes of extending Pugh's loan deal.

The 19-year-old's one-month deal runs out next weekend and Cugley is keen to prolong the deal, but Gills boss Mark Stimson will consider the options.

He said: "No disrespect to Folkestone, but it might be he comes back and goes to another level."

"I'm sure they would like to keep him because he's a quality player, but I'll speak to him at the end of his month there."

Invicta played Whyteleafe last night. Log on to [www.yourshepway.co.uk](http://www.yourshepway.co.uk) for the report.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson discusses his side's good start to the season

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